

Board of Registration of Optometry

Public Session Minutes

1000 Washington 1st Floor Room 1C, Boston, MA 02118

DATE: August 15, 2018 TIME: 10:00am

Board Members Present:

Everett Sabree, OD

Jeanette Sewell, OD

Rhonda Willinger, OD

Bruce Rakusin, OD

Marianne Sarkis, Ph.D.

DPL Staff:

Michael Hawley, Executive Director

Sheila York, Board Counsel

Meeting called to order at 10:03 AM by Dr. Sabree

Evacuation Procedure:

Mr. Hawley discussed safety procedures in the event of emergency.

Review Minutes:

- Minutes of May 16, 2018 meeting – **Dr. Sewell moved to accept the minutes as drafted. Dr. Rakusin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Minutes of June 20, 2018 meeting – **Dr. Sewell moved to accept the minutes as drafted. Dr. Rakusin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Report from Executive Director:

- Applications appear to be being processed properly and transmitted by PCS.
- Mr. Hawley reported that he had looked into joint accreditation for CE courses offered by Children’s Hospital as a follow-up from a discussion held at the June, 2018 meeting. He was notified by Lisa Fennell of the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (“COPE”) that such courses are considered COPE approved and receive COPE identification numbers. Such course are, therefore, approved for CE credit in Massachusetts.

Report from Board Counsel:

- No update.

Discussion:

- **Draft of Minutes from the 99th annual meeting of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (“ARBO”)** – The Board received a copy of the minutes from the

annual meeting of ARBO. The document was read and filed. Dr. Rakusin gave a brief overview of ARBO for the newer board members and recommended that the Board consider sending a member to the next annual meeting.

- **Request from Kristen Brown regarding the use of Intense Pulsed Light** – The Board received a request from Kristen Brown, OD for a determination on whether the use of Intense Pulsed Light is within the scope of practice for an Optometrist in Massachusetts. Dr. Brown provided documentation regarding the treatment and its effectiveness. The board discussed the practice and requested that Board counsel research whether other states permit the use of the therapy in the practice of optometry and report the results of the research for discussion at a future board meeting.

Open Session for topics not reasonably anticipated: none

Closed Session per M.G.L. c. 112, section 65C:

10:33pm, Dr. Rakusin moved to enter into closed session to discuss the following investigative matters: 2017-001546-it-enf, 2018-000265-it-enf and 2018-000421. Dr. Sarkis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

After the closed session, the open meeting resumed.

During the closed session the Board voted to take the following actions:

- 2017-001546-it-enf – Dismiss with advisory
- 2018-000265-it-enf – Dismiss with advisory
- 2018-000421-it-enf – Close, no further action

11: 30: Dr. Sabree moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Willinger. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Hawley, Executive Director

Documents used in the open meeting:

- Agenda for August 15, 2018 board meeting
- Draft of Minutes of May 16, 2018 board meeting
- Draft of Minutes of June 20, 2018 board meeting
- Draft of Minutes from the 99th annual meeting of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry, dated June 17 – 19, 2018.
- Email from Kristen Brown, requesting Board's position on use of Intense Pulsed Light, not dated.
- Summary of Safety and Effectiveness information on Intense Pulsed Light, dated, 5/4/2009
- The Ocular Surface: TFOS DEWS II Management and Therapy Report (including information about Intense Pulsed Light), dated May 3, 2017